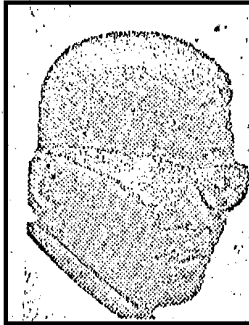


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Would the current alarm over infiltration by CIA spies of the government be displayed by the administration had there been no rumors that the US espionage agency is backing someone else for President in the coming November elections?

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In his testimony before the Senate, NICA chief Gen. Ismael Lapuz says that CIA spies report to him and are told by him what they can and cannot do. The general, it seems, has been reading the wrong spy comic books.

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There are two individuals trying to claim the 20 per cent informers' reward on the aborted P7 million smuggle attempt through reparations. One is Joseph Cochingyan Jr., a businessman, while the other Col. Pedro Mendoza, chief of the customs police. The latter's claim seems to collide with his main duty which is to detect and prevent smuggling, and arrest smugglers.

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If and when the proposed Magna Carta for Students come up for floor consideration in Congress, it will have to hurdle scrutiny of solons who are also owners of private colleges or universities, those who are retained as lawyers of the private schools, and those who have added their pile through investments in private education.

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Quezon City is fast solving its squatter problem and quietly too. Main credit goes to Vice Mayor Mel Mathay who has put his executive talents to getting the job done. Mel does not just relocate. He sees to it that the places where the squatters are transferred are not a virtual wilderness thus making the squatters realize they are being assisted and not being made victims of government "cruelty." Mel is also being mentioned by NP stalwarts in the first congressional district of Rizal as among their leading bets against reelectionist Rep. Eddie U. Harde (L).

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Joe Clemente, recently designated by the President as acting deputy tourism commissioner, has many bright plans for the local tourism industry which deserve a try. But he is being hindered by intrigues that the designation is only temporary and would soon be taken away in favor of someone who is strong politically but has zero knowledge on tourism.

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